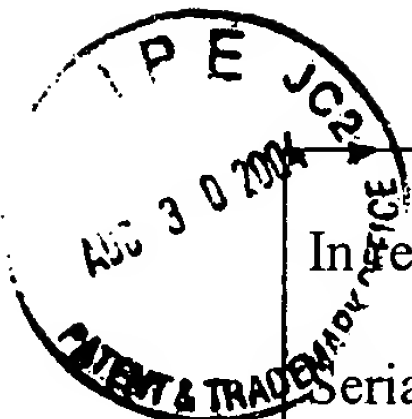


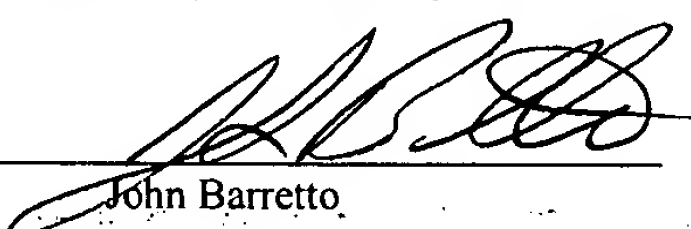
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Borin:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 26, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response. The deadline for filing this response has been extended by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time and associated fee. A Notice of Appeal and the associated fee is also submitted herewith.

Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein.